

# National Work Zone Safety Facts

- ◆ In 2002, almost 3 million people were injured and 42,815 people died on our nations roads.
- ◆ Between 1997 and 2002 there was a 55% increase in Work Zone fatalities. Four out of five of those fatalities were motorists.
- ◆ In work zones in 2002 there were:
  - ▲ 117,567 crashes
  - ▲ 52,000 injuries
  - ▲ 1,181 deaths
- ◆ Every 7 hours someone dies in work a zone.
- ◆ Every 15 minutes someone is injured in a work zone.
- ◆ Work zone crashes cause a financial loss of over \$3 billion annually.

(Data provided by Federal Highway Administration)

## In Connecticut

- ▲ Speeding fines are doubled in work zones.
- ▲ Speeding violations may require a court appearance.
- ▲ Connecticut prosecutors will vigorously enforce speeding violations in work zones.
- ▲ Connecticut Law Enforcement works closely with the Connecticut DOT to ensure the safety of motorists and workers.
- ▲ Since 1998, there have been over 35,000 tickets issued for work zone violations.

**SLOW DOWN FOR  
WORK ZONES!** 

# Safe Driving In Work Zones



**EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED!** Reduce your speed. Lanes may be blocked or shifted and people may be working in or near the road.



**SLOW DOWN!** Speeding is one of the major causes of work zone crashes.



**DON'T TAILGATE! KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE BETWEEN YOU AND THE CAR IN FRONT OF YOU!** The most common crash in a work zone is the rear end collision. Keep at least two car lengths between your car and the car in front of you.



**KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE BETWEEN YOUR VEHICLE AND THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AND THEIR EQUIPMENT!**



**PAY ATTENTION TO THE SIGNS!** Warning signs are there to help you navigate safely through the work zone. Observe the posted signs.



**OBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL PERSONNEL!** They know what is best for moving traffic safely through the work zone. They have the authority to stop and slow traffic. You can be cited for disobeying their directions.



**STAY ALERT!** Dedicate your full attention to the roadway. Avoid changing radio stations, using cell phones or being distracted while driving through work zones.



**KEEP UP WITH THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC!** Maintain traffic flow by obeying the posted speed and merging as soon as possible. Don't drive in shoulders unless signs indicate to use shoulder or stay in a lane that is being closed ahead right up to the closure and then try to get in.



**SCHEDULE ENOUGH TIME TO DRIVE SAFELY!** Check radio, TV and websites for traffic information. Expect delays and leave early to reach your destination on time.



**BE PATIENT AND STAY CALM!** Work zones aren't there to personally inconvenience you. Highway crews are working to improve the roads and make your future drive a better one.